

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following to the specification at page 1, after the title:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §365 of International Application Serial No. PCT/EP2003/014668, filed December 19, 2003 and the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application Serial No.10260922.5, filed December 20, 2002, the entire contents of both of which are incorporated by reference herein.

Please amend the specification at page 1, line 6 as follows:

~~Description~~ **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

1. Field of the Invention

Please add the following heading to the specification at page 1, line 13:

2. Description of Related Art

Please add the following heading to the specification at page 4, line 10:

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION